

Somerville



Research

Facility

Harvard Art Museums
Somerville Research Facility
200 Inner Belt Road
Somerville, MA 02143

Monday to Friday, 10am–5pm

The Somerville Research Facility is a hub for creativity and inquiry. It supports the Harvard Art Museums' teaching and research mission and provides access to art and archival collections. Home to the Harvard Art Museums Archives, the Archaeological Exploration of Sardis, the Communications Division, and the Department of Digital Imaging and Visual Resources, the Somerville Research Facility is connected to the museums' Cambridge site by regular shuttle service during workdays.

Collections Management

Class and individual appointments to view objects from the collections can be held in one of three art study rooms. Appointments are required and can be requested through the **Art Study Center** page on the museums' website.

Archaeological Exploration of Sardis

Since its founding in 1958 by Harvard and Cornell Universities, the **Archaeological Exploration of Sardis** has excavated, conserved, and published on aspects of the ancient city of Sardis in western Turkey from prehistoric through Islamic periods. Photographs, slides, drawings, plans, maps, reports, field books, and other documents of the excavations are housed here at the administrative headquarters of the project, where they are used to support research and publication. To learn more about nearly 60 years of discovery, visit sardisexpedition.org.

Contact: am_sardis@harvard.edu or 617-495-3940.

Harvard Art Museums Archives

The **Harvard Art Museums Archives** is the official repository for institutional records and historical documents in all formats relating to the Fogg, Busch-Reisinger, and Arthur M. Sackler Museums. Collections date from 1895 to the present, and include papers of individuals and groups associated with the history of the museums, records of past exhibitions, architectural plans, photographs, scrapbooks, and memorabilia.

Open to the public Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm, by appointment only. A minimum of three weeks notice is requested when scheduling a visit.

Contact: am_reference@harvard.edu or 617-495-2384.

Communications Division

The Communications Division develops and produces all digital and print materials for the museums, including the website, video content, gallery text, and catalogues and other books. The division also oversees media relations, public relations, marketing, advertising, and social media efforts.

Contact: am_info@harvard.edu or 617-495-1075.

Department of Digital Imaging and Visual Resources (DIVR)

Digital Imaging and Visual Resources creates photographic records of objects in the collections, which are then made available on the museums' website and used for publications and other projects. DIVR also grants rights and permissions for the publication of the collections by outside institutions.

Image requests can be made via the **website** or by calling 617-495-8211.



Getting Here

By car

There is abundant free parking onsite. Drive to the end of Inner Belt Road; the large, four-story brick building on the left is your destination. As you approach the building, bear right and drive along the road running parallel to the building. You will drive past the main entrance on your way toward the parking lot, located at the rear of the building. Park in any of the sections marked “Harvard.”



By shuttle

The museums shuttle runs between the Prescott Street entrance to the Harvard Art Museums (corner of Prescott and Broadway, in Cambridge) and the Somerville Research Facility. The shuttle will drop you at the main entrance to the Somerville Research Facility.

Shuttle schedule

Departure times

Cambridge	Somerville
7:40am	8:10am
8:40	9:10
9:40	10:10
10:40	11:10
11:40	12:10pm
1:10pm	1:40
2:10	2:40
3:10	3:40
4:10	4:40
5:10	5:40



By public transport

The closest subway station is the **Sullivan Square station** on the MBTA's Orange Line. The Somerville Research Facility is approximately one mile from Sullivan Square. Several bus routes, including the 86 and CT2, also have stops near Inner Belt Road. Visit mbta.com for further details.

Upon arrival

Once you arrive, press the buzzer to the right of the main entrance. Check in with the first floor security attendant, who will direct you to our location on the second floor. Upon exiting the elevator, turn left and follow the hallway around to the glass door. Our security team will be just through that door to greet you; please be prepared to show a photo ID at check-in.

